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**SUMMER CHURCH:
OPEN ROOF, IN A CAVE,
TOP OF A MOUNTAIN,
ON A GREEK ISLAND!**



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“Our language is Antiochian, our language is One” - H.B. Patriarch John X

THE HOLY EPISTLE (1 Corinthians 15:1-11)

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast - unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

أَمَنْتُمْ عِبْتًا! فَإِنِّي سَلَّمْتُ إِلَيْكُمْ فِي الْأَوَّلِ مَا قَبِلْتُهُ أَنَا أَيْضًا: أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ مَاتَ مِنْ أَجْلِ خَطَايَانَا حَسَبَ الْكُتُبِ وَأَنَّهُ دُفِنَ وَأَنَّهُ قَامَ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّلَاثِ حَسَبَ الْكُتُبِ وَأَنَّهُ ظَهَرَ لَصَفَا ثُمَّ لِلْاثْنَيْ عَشَرَ. وَبَعْدَ ذَلِكَ ظَهَرَ دَفْعَةً وَاحِدَةً لَأَكْثَرَ مِنْ خَمْسِمِئَةِ أَخٍ أَكْثَرُهُمْ بَاقٍ إِلَى الْآنَ. وَلَكِنْ بَعْضُهُمْ قَدْ رَقَدُوا. وَبَعْدَ ذَلِكَ ظَهَرَ لِيَعْقُوبَ ثُمَّ لِلرُّسُلِ أَجْمَعِينَ. وَأَخْرَ الْكُلَّ - كَأَنَّهُ لِسَفْطٍ - ظَهَرَ لِي أَنَا. لِأَنِّي أَصْغَرُ الرُّسُلِ أَنَا الَّذِي لَسْتُ أَهْلًا لِأَنَّ أَدْعَى رَسُولًا لِأَنِّي اضْطَهَدْتُ كَنِيسَةَ اللَّهِ. وَلَكِنْ بِنِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ أَنَا مَا أَنَا وَبِنِعْمَتِهِ الْمُعْطَاةَ لِي لَمْ تَكُنْ بَاطِلَةً بَلْ أَنَا تَعِبْتُ أَكْثَرَ مِنْهُمْ جَمِيعِهِمْ. وَلَكِنْ لَا أَنَا بَلْ نِعْمَةُ اللَّهِ الَّتِي مَعِيَ. فَسَوَاءٌ أَنَا أَمْ أُولَئِكَ هَكَذَا نَكْرًا وَهَكَذَا أَمَنْتُمْ.

THE HOLY GOSPEL (St. Matthew 19:16-26)

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ دَنَا إِلَى يَسُوعَ شَابٌ وَجِئًا لَهُ قَائِلًا: ((أَيُّهَا الْمُعَلِّمُ الصَّالِحُ، أَيِّ صِلَاحٍ أَعْمَلُ لِتَكُونَ لِي الْحَيَاةَ الْأَبَدِيَّةَ؟)) فَقَالَ لَهُ: ((لِمَاذَا تَدْعُونِي صَالِحًا؟ لَيْسَ أَحَدٌ صَالِحًا إِلَّا وَاحِدٌ وَهُوَ اللَّهُ. وَلَكِنْ إِنْ أَرَدْتَ أَنْ تَدْخُلَ الْحَيَاةَ فَاحْفَظِ الْوَصَايَا)). قَالَ لَهُ: ((أَيُّهُ الْوَصَايَا؟)) فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ: ((لَا تَقْتُلْ. لَا تَزْنِ. لَا تَسْرِقْ. لَا تَشْهَدْ بِالزُّورِ. أَكْرِمِ آبَاكَ وَأُمَّكَ، وَأَحِبِّ قَرِيبَكَ كَنَفْسِكَ)). قَالَ لَهُ الشَّابُّ: ((هَذِهِ كُلُّهَا حَفَظْتُهَا مُنْذُ حَدَاثَتِي. فَمَاذَا يُعَوِّزُنِي بَعْدَ؟)) قَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: ((إِنْ أَرَدْتَ أَنْ تَكُونَ كَامِلًا فَانْهَبْ وَبِعْ أَمْوَالَكَ وَأَعْطِ الْفُقَرَاءَ، فَيَكُونَ لَكَ كَنْزٌ فِي السَّمَاءِ، وَنَعَالَ أَنْبَعُنِي)). فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ الشَّابُّ الْكَلِمَةَ مَضَى حَزِينًا، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ ذَا أَمْوَالٍ كَثِيرَةٍ. فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ لِتَلَامِيذِهِ: ((الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّهُ يَعْسُرُ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ غَنِيٌّ إِلَى مَلَكُوتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ! وَأَقُولُ لَكُمْ أَيْضًا: إِنْ مَرُورَ جَمَلٍ مِنْ ثَقْبِ إِبْرَةِ آيسِرٍ مَنْ أَنْ يَدْخُلَ غَنِيٌّ إِلَى مَلَكُوتِ اللَّهِ!)). فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ تَلَامِيذُهُ بَهْتُوا جِدًّا قَائِلِينَ: ((إِذَا مَنْ يَسْتَطِيعُ أَنْ يَخْلُصَ؟)) فَنَظَرَ إِلَيْهِمْ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: ((هَذَا عِنْدَ النَّاسِ غَيْرِ مُسْتَطَاعٍ، وَلَكِنْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ مُسْتَطَاعٌ)).

Today's Memorial Service is for the Repose of the Servants of God:

* Albert Aziz (1st year); Florence Aziz. Offered by his Children & Grandchildren.

“HOW TO MAKE JESUS ‘ACTUALLY PRESENT’ IN YOUR HOME.”

(BY: FR. STEPHEN ALLEN)

St. Paul speaks about laying the foundation which is Christ and the building up of His body (the Church) through our active living and sharing the Gospel. That is why going to Church and partaking of Holy Communion is so important for ourselves, our families, and the whole world. When we read and share the Holy Scriptures we and others grow in the knowledge of Christ. When, however, we go to Church and partake of Holy Communion then (if we have prepared ourselves) Christ becomes actually present in us in a real and tangible way—and through us He becomes “actually present” in our homes, our lives and all the world in which we touch. How does this work? As Orthodox Christians we believe that as the Priest with the people prays for the Holy Spirit to come down on the bread and wine that the “actual presence” of Jesus Christ (Perfect God and Perfect Man) becomes manifest in the Bread and Wine, which Christ, Himself, called His Body and Blood. When we have prepared ourselves through repentance, fasting and prayer to receive the Eucharist then the “actual presence” of Jesus Christ (Perfect God and Perfect Man) becomes present in us. So in a way we become the vehicles or the conduit through which the “actual presence” of Christ is continually made manifest to our families, our homes and the world around us—we (through this Great Mystery) take the “actual presence” of Christ with us when we leave the Church. We bring Him home, we bring Him to others and He is with us wherever we go. Now if there are 5 people in your house and they all go to Church and all, being prepared, receive Holy Communion—how strong the presence of Jesus will be in your home! **Now you may say, “Abouna, Jesus is in my heart and my mind—I don’t need to go to Church every Sunday to have Jesus!”** Well yes and no! A person you love can be in your heart and mind—and there can be still be a connection with them when they are not physically with you, but it is not the same as them being actually present. Yes, if you are a baptised Christian, through the Holy Spirit, Jesus is with you in a way—but not in the same way that His “actual presence” brings when we receive Holy Communion. Listen to the strong words Jesus, Himself, uses to explain the necessity of receiving His “actual presence” in Holy Communion: “Then Jesus said to them, Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.” (John 6:53-56). **So the question we should consider is what happens if we do not go to Church and we do not prepare ourselves properly to take Holy Communion?** Well the answer is simple—through the selfish act of not going to Church we diminish the presence of Jesus Christ in our life, in our home and in our family—and ultimately in the world. Why is this selfish? Because we have made a conscious choice to refuse to bring Jesus home by not going to Church. Jesus is not like the devil, who, though uninvited, is trying to force his way into our homes and into our life and the lives of our children—any way possible. The Lord, however, is gentle and never forces Himself on anyone. He waits to be invited—and the strongest way we can invite Him is go to Church and take Holy Communion. During the week we should read our Bibles to grow in the knowledge of Christ, and pray, spiritually entering into the presence of God, but if we want to bring the “actual presence” of Jesus (Perfect God and Perfect Man) into our homes we must go to Church and invite Him into us through Holy Communion and through us into the world around us. Take a moment and read the Gospel and if Jesus seems to be disappearing in the world around us than we can do our part—this summer do not be the cause of diminishing Jesus in your home and in a world that so dearly needs His presence, but get yourself and your children to Church this week and every week hereafter.

Our Condolences to the Family
of the late Margaret Diab. Memory Eternal!

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YOU LIKE AND IGNORE
THE REST.



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CONFESSION BY APPOINTMENT

SUNDAY:
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DIVINE LITURGY AT 10:30AM
**** NO VESPERS ON AUGUST 29 ****



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& MET. YOUHANNA IBRAHIM**
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THE INTERNATIONAL SILENCE CONTINUES
DURING THE GENOCIDE OF THE
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WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THEM ALL!